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Memorandum

To: The Conservancy

The Advisory Committee

From: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, ASLA (Hon.), Executive Director

Subject: Agenda Item 4: Consideration of resolution amending Resolution No. 07-64 dated July 9, 2007 to add APNs 4467-002-042, 044 and 060 to a Proposition 50 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to implement the Coastal Slope Trail between Kanan Dume Road and Latigo Canyon Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing amendment of Resolution No. 07-64 dated July 9, 2007 which authorized a Proposition 50 grant to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to implement the Coastal Slope Trail. Staff recommends that the scope of the grant be amended to include three additional parcels described as APNs 4467-002-042, 044 and 060.

<u>Legislative Authority</u>: Sections 33204(c), 33204.2 and 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code and section 79570 (c) of the Water Code provides in relevant part that Proposition 50 funds shall be available for grants for acquisition and protection of land and water resources in the Santa Monica Bay watershed.

<u>Background</u>: The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has requested that the grant awarded by the Board to the MRCA at its July 9, 2007 meeting be amended to add additional parcels which came to the attention of MRCA staff after the Conservancy's agenda for the July 9, 2007 meeting was posted. The location of the three parcels are depicted on the attached map. The parcels are within the watershed of Ramirez Creek which flows directly into the Santa Monica Bay. The parcels also contain important coastal habitat and are adjacent to protected public parkland. The acquisition of the three parcels would protect watershed and land resources and will facilitate an important link in the Coastal Slope Trail.